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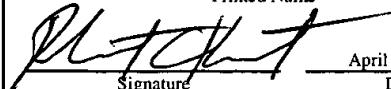
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	C1	6,678,639	1/13/04	Little et al.			
	C2	4,447,846	5/8/84	McCleery			
	C3	5,944,839	8/31/99	Isenberg			
	C4	5,974,568	10/26/99	McQueen			
	C5	6,219,626	4/17/01	Steinmetz			
	C6	6,298,308	10/2/01	Reid et al.			
	C7	5,111,384	5/5/92	Aslanian et al.			
	C8	5,179,695	1/12/93	Derr et al.			
	C9	5,287,505	2/15/94	Calvert et al.			
	C10	5,335,341	8/2/94	Chana			
	C11	5,678,002	10/14/97	Fawcett et al.			
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	C14	6,633,876	10/14/03	Heatlie			
	C15	6,681,348	1/20/04	Vachon			
	C16	6,738,928	5/18/04	Brown			
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	C19	20020095615	7/18/02	Hastings et al.			
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	C21	20040078726	4/22/04	Little et al.			

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